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An update is needed on the Fire and Police Commission

Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson October 30, 2020

Milwaukee's Fire and Police Commission (FPC), which is among the oldest and most powerful in the country, has seen its fair share of ups and downs in recent months, and the news that both Executive Director Griselda Aldrete and Commissioner Raymond Robakowski will be leaving the FPC at day's end only adds more questions and uncertainty at a crucial time for the commission.

I'm calling on the administration to provide an update to elected officials, the community, and other stakeholders that addresses key concerns that have yet to be answered, including:

- Who will run the FPC until a new Executive Director is in place?
- What is the status of selecting a new Executive Director?
- How soon will an appointment be made to replace Commissioner Robakowski?
- Will additional appointments be made to bring the board of commissioners to nine members?

The Common Council has repeatedly called on the Mayor to make the needed appointments so the FPC can be at full strength, and I will again make that request today.

Additionally, I will be introducing a communication file regarding these questions that will be heard at the next meeting of the Steering and Rules Committee on Monday, November 9th.

Stable leadership and guidance is needed now more than ever in the FPC as the community continues to call for police reform, and the commission works to find permanent chiefs for the police and fire departments.

I hope we receive a proper update on these questions soon.

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